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Dear Gary,

Reur 29: I've been thinking farthur since I weote you and I'll be away all ~~axt~~ next week so no need to rush in response if you are busy. I won't be here.

I did not get to see Tilley last week when I was there and had plenty of time because he does not get messages promptly. Meaning in 3-4 days. He is generally in Anapolis. He is at the Conn. Ave. address once a week. If he gets a message there it waits until he is there. He did call ke and set a 9:30 a.m.~~x~~ time. I was free from 9:00 on but it was not possible for me to speal freely when he phoned or to make an immediate note of the time. When I was uncertain I asked Jim to call. He did, without response. So thinking there was a choice between 1 and 3 p.m. I missed the time he had when I called after I was free and could get to a phone. I was at the FBI picking up 400+ pages of the previously-withheld.

This is no real problem, though. That it is going to be awkward may be. I mans that on days I can get a ride, which now is generally, I'll leave here 6:30 a.m., ~~tkxx~~ take a bus out into Northwest, see him, then take the same ride back downtown and spend the day in town, whether or not I have something to do, until about 4:30. Kills a day most days. But if something comes of it it is worth it.

What comes of it this time I think he may not like: I want what I want. If he is unwilling or says he can't provide it, I want no more futilities. I'll try to make him understand this day after tomorrow, if I can - I hope without him believing I'm arrogant or practising his art or anything like that. I've just had all the nonsense in this I want. As long as Lil is unwilling to participate wholeheartedly and openly, or is unable to, both of us going is worthless and even more of a problem. It means I'll have to drive both ways, which never do for myself, and stop along the superhighway and walk from time to time. In winter? On the ice when I'm not supposed to fall or bruise myself? Besides, it is not really safe in good weather. I'd really have to allow much more time and drive off the road at cloverleafs from time to time.

I hope you and he can understand this. At the outset I want what understanding and guidance another can impart. If I can't do that or get it I know enough about family trees not to go through another business of them. I know the similarities and the dis-similarities without guidance, as I do that they can be meaningful but are not controlling ~~mk~~ or now fundamental with us.

After all these years a few more no worse will not be more intolerable. With all I want to do if I'm taken away from it by what is not productive it will not be good.

If there is anything to tell you I will after I see him Thursday if I have enough time after I then put together what I will beed for a week at UWisc. I also have to then sit down and outline what I'll do for each of the about twice-daily sessions so I can not only fit in with their desires but do what will be worthwhile for the videotapings and other recordings and filmings.

Hasty thanks,

Harold